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EDITORIAL

Since our last newsletter, the Centre has gained over 25 new members and received many enquiries. However this is still not enough to keep the organisation on sound financial footing and accordingly all members are urged to encourage friends to join, or alternatively to stimulate interest in their local areas. The committee has been working on publicity and it is hoped that in conjunction with the new wave of UFO sightings, the Centre may benefit by further enquiries about membership and better coverage of reported UFO events.

GENERAL

A stimulating talk centred around 'The Humanoids' was given at the last public meeting, before a large group of people, most of whom were non-members.

Bill Chalker and the committee had been invited to give a lecture to the MENSA group (an association of people with very high IQ levels) on August 22nd. This meeting was quite a success and great interest was expressed.

Mr. Smyth and Mr. Chalker have joined an overseas research group, Association for the Understanding of Man - A.U.M., engaged in sophisticated theoretical and instrumented UFO research. If anything of interest should eventuate from this independent liaison, members will be notified in the newsletter.

Recent correspondence indicates that probative activity occurred in South Australia during April and May this year. However since late May and June, activity seems to have been concentrated in Queensland and particularly N.S.W.

Dr. J. Stevens has recently notified the Centre that spectroscopic analyses indicated that the soil inside and outside the Forbes circle, reported in Newsletter No. 41, is identical, suggesting a physical explanation. This finding does not rule out an unusual explanation, and the surface thistle damage perhaps confirms this.

Another "nest" was discovered on May 7th, near Grafton, N.S.W. It had an inside diameter of 11' and an almost perfect circle of dead grass, about 14" wide. The find deteriorated considerably after its initial discovery. Although natural causes cannot be entirely ruled out, later suggestions of a fungal attack being the cause, can be deemed unlikely.

Although both of the above finds are unusual, they cannot be deemed probative because of the lack of any direct UFO connection.

The following case, which received some recent publicity, can also be interpreted in a similar manner. An aerial colour photo, taken during February, near the scene of the famous 1966 Tully "nests" shows an odd "ground effect" approximately bypyramidal in shape, and a bank of blurred white lights. Although there was no associated visual sighting of a UFO, the photo cannot be lightly dismissed as a photographic defect. It is perhaps significant that the photo was taken subsequent to a recent rash of "nest" finds in the Tully area. Of these "nests", only one was outstanding. The area has always had considerable nocturnal light activity, but to date there has been no confirmed outstanding sighting with the new "nest" finds.

INVESTIGATIONS

The last 2 months have had a very large number of UFO sightings and fortunately a significant number of these have proved to be of quite extraordinary content. The centre is currently attempting to investigate a large number of particularly good accounts. The following brief listing notes a few of the new cases, or old cases that have recently come to our notice.

Late 1972 near Wallacia, N.S.W. 6 young people observed a UFO on the ground and later encountered an 8-10' being. Their car caught fire apparently during the experience.

February, 1973 near Grafton, N.S.W. 2 men in a car saw a strange being on the side of the road which raised its arm as the car passed it.

About 1973 on the South coast, N.S.W. Farmer observed huge aerial object land on his property and leave behind a trace mark of extraordinary magnitude - about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile long.

1.4.75 Molonglo, near Canberra, A.C.T. 3 men working on a construction site observed a large bullet shaped object moving vertically from the ground. It disappeared when allegedly 3 F-111's arrived on the scene.

12.5.75 near Hobart, Tasmania. Sydney couple and a Howrah resident observed an aerial object manoeuvring near Tranmere Point in daylight. Coloured movie film (now on loan to UFOIC) confirms that something was moving and changing directions in a high wind.

5.6.75 near South Grafton, N.S.W. Mother and daughter and later family, observed a ball of orange light which apparently flew parallel to road near power lines. T.V. interference over a wide area was reported during the sighting.

7.7.75 Maroubra Beach, Sydney. Young couple observed several unusual manoeuvring lights and an aerial object with large windows hovering about 50' above the ground and 300' from them.

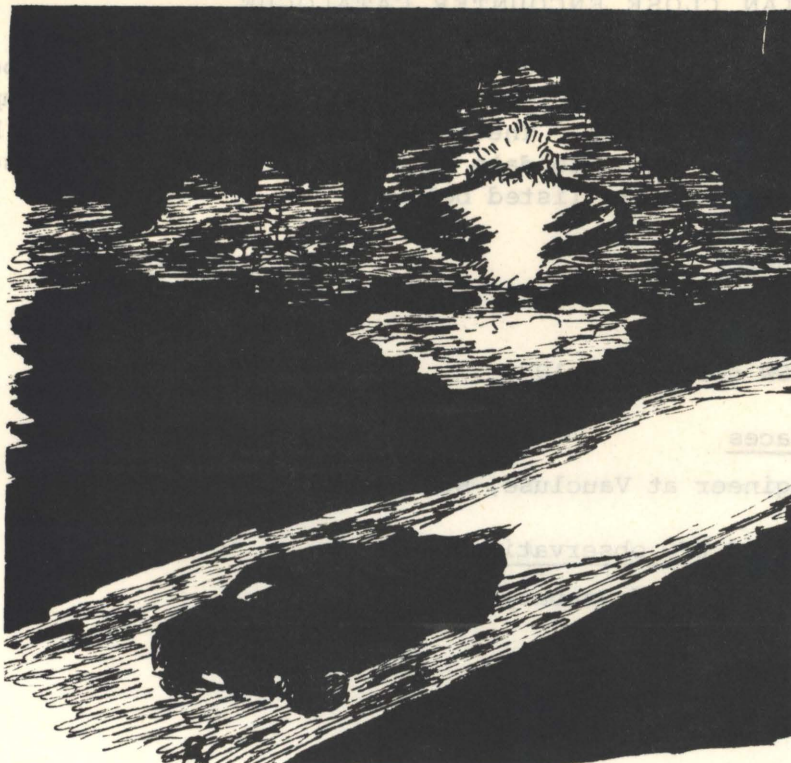
Obviously, because of space restrictions we can only give details of a few cases. It is hoped that the other cases will be detailed in future newsletters.

The following two reports have been investigated by members of the committee and are reported in detail.

Investigator, Bill Chalker flew to his home territory on the north coast of N.S.W. during early June to investigate a number of cases. One of the cases follows:-

On 3rd June 1975 at 7.30 p.m. two young men visiting 3 other men out on the Yamba Road, noticed a bright red and green object approaching from the west. When it appeared to hover nearby, the participants alerted the other 3 men and they all followed it by car as it began to move off in the direction of the road to Palmers Island.

After crossing a bridge, the UFO approached the car and hovered within 200 yards at the beginning of a long straight stretch in the road.



It appeared to be about 30' wide with a disc-shape apparent, when the lights dimmed. As the car closed in, the object shot off down the straight at high speed and then appeared to hover at the end of it, as if waiting for the car. It then zig-zagged across the road, eventually moving across the Clarence River and hovering above trees in the sugar cane fields on Harwood Island. The object went down twice, dimming and revealing a definite disc shape. Then the object moved to the left "fading" or "landing" behind the sugar cane storage sheds. No landing "nests" were found in

this area, however the farmers reported disturbances amongst the dogs and animals. Fishermen at Yamba reported seeing a fast moving light travel from the ocean horizon to Yamba at about the beginning of the main observation.

David Buching, Research Director and later a team from UFOIC, carried out an investigation into a bizarre UFO encounter near Gosford.

On the night of June 8th, 1975 3 boys and a girl were at Norah Head, camping near a gully after a spear fishing trip. The boys went to the gully for wood to make a windbreak for the camp. 2 of them, JN and JS went down into the gully and passed up the wood to DS. After preparing a fire and a windbreak, the 3 boys heard strange noises like continuous "jet noises". The time was about 12.30 a.m. After the boys began to shine torches around the area, DS noticed "a small illuminous object" between 2 and 3 feet in diameter emerge from the bushes at the side of a small track leading into the gully. The other 2 boys confirmed this observation but the girl could not see it, nor did she see any of the bizarre events that were to follow! Eventually 2 smaller objects, oval in shape, with weird "propeller" or "worm-like" shapes inside them emerged from the larger object and approached the group. Within a few moments, further objects had emerged and soon a large number of these smaller objects were "attacking" the group. These objects avoided (with some apparent 'intelligence') attempts to deflect them or spear them.

The boys' fears eventually overwhelmed them and the group fled from the area. They went to the local police and received little attention. Eventually DS rang UFOIC at 2.00 a.m. that morning, expressing tangible fear. Later that day, while carrying out investigations at the site, the fear the boys associated with the area, was still noticeable.

FIELD INVESTIGATIONS

The Centre is planning extensive field investigations into the Blue Mountains area, and would like to have members with bush walking experience (and the necessary equipment) participating in them. Please contact David Buching, Research Director on 419 4185 in the evenings, or approach him at meetings.

GENERAL

UFOIC has opened an equipment fund for the purchase of much needed investigation apparatus. Any donations would be gratefully accepted. Help is also needed in transcribing tapes of investigations. Any member who has dictaphone/shorthand or typing experience and feels they could help, please contact David Buching.



AUSTRALIAN CLOSE ENCOUNTER CATALOGUE

A preliminary breakdown of characteristic types of close encounters has been made from the cases in the Australian Close Encounter Catalogue being compiled by Bill Chalker and Keith Basterfield. The following tentative data has been extracted from this catalogue, which to date numbers in excess of 300 cases. The categories and some examples are listed below:

Type of Encounter	Number
(a) <u>Landing with traces</u> e.g. Woolgoolga, NSW circa June 1970	22
(b) <u>Landing without traces</u> eg. sighting by engineer at Vacluse, NSW circa 1965	53
(c) <u>'Nest' with associated UFO observation</u> e.g. The Tully, QLD nests of January 1966	20
(d) <u>Occupant/Landing</u> e.g. the Kimba Road (S.A.) case of 4.2.73	16
(e) <u>Occupant/Aerial object</u> e.g. the sighting by Father Gill and natives of the Boiani Mission on 26 & 27th June 1959	14
(f) <u>Occupant with no associated UFO observation</u> eg. Mount Butler, NSW (near Tyringham) 15.9.72 see Tyringham report by W. Chalker	19

The remainder of the bases are predominantly aerial object observations, some outstanding cases in this category include: Collombatti Rail, NSW 23.4.71, Mooraduc Rd. Vic 25.7.72.

Australia has had some outstanding cases involving physiological effects, eg. Harwood Island, N.S.W. 26.4.69 and Nambour in about 1932.

Further details of the more outstanding cases will be given in future newsletters.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

Our Investigations Director, Michael Smyth, has completed a preliminary statistical breakdown of UFOIC's investigations during the period from 1.1.74 to 31.7.75.

IDENTIFIED	14
POSSIBLE IDENTIFIED	7
PROBABLE IDENTIFIED	3
INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION	3
UNKNOWN	23
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TOTAL	50

For the purposes of statistics, the "possibles" are considered to have a 50% probability of being identified. The "probables" are considered to have a 75% probability of being identified. Reports with insufficient information cannot be identified as either known or unknown and therefore cannot be regarded as complete reports and are excluded from the following calculation.

Unknown	23.00	
possibles (7 x 50%)	3.50	
probables (3 x 25%)	.75	27.25
		% unknown = 58%
		% identified = 42%

These figures should not be regarded as an accurate picture of the UFO problem, particularly in view of the small number of reports studies. These figures do not allow for the many report forms sent out but not returned and the reports taken by telephone that we were unable to identify without recourse to a report form. It must also be borne in mind that the Condon Report estimated that over 80% of UFO sightings are not reported, so the reports received represent only a small portion of the actual sightings. From experience with overseas studies and figures obtained from other Australian groups, we estimate that the percentage of unknowns would be between 5 and 30%.